

THE FRONTIER

O'NEILL MUSIC STUDENTS PREPARE PRE-CONTEST PROGRAM

Bands, Vocal and Instrumental Solos, Glee Club Will Present For Home Folks Their Pre-Contest Program at K. C. Hall, Friday Evening

SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

With the idea that present day needs of Nebraskans are of more importance than musty subjects such as whether or not Wild Bill Hickok was a bogus hero, Governor Cochran opposes the use of any more state funds for the publication of the State Historical Society's magazine, Nebraska History. While the publication is of interest to a certain group, much of the matter therein has previously appeared in other form through the regular press channels of the state and the observations of the editor are hardly appropriate subjects to be tax supported.

A Lincoln woman has found a way to keep the car going. Unable to obtain credit at the gas station, she used her credit with the grocer and secured two dozen eggs. These she took around to a produce dealer and sold for cash, which fixed her out for a little gas.

Having spent much of my life on the big prairie, where there is neither steamboat, navigable stream nor mountains, I could never see where the state seal was a fitting emblem for Nebraska. It is today even less appropriate. The husky at the anvil swinging a hammer represents a picturesque, but all but forgotten craft, while the shock of wheat may well be replaced with a bale of hay, a bunch of sugar beets or a beef's head. A prairie schooner would have been more to the point than a river steamer as an early day setting and some will even dispute the motto: "Equality Before the Law."

Ma broke the news to dad, when he got home. "I've been fired from the WPA," she said. That was the start to make it unanimous for one Lincoln family. Next day dad told them at home that he had been "let out." Then the daughter, then the son each with a story of being discharged from their jobs. But the son's tale of hard luck was accompanied with the flashing of a bottle of red liquor, so the family also decided to make a drunken spree unanimous. What this family's devotion to the cups may have had to do with the wholesale loss of their jobs has not been investigated.

The pioneers had their virtues. They also had a fair share of ornerness. The homestead period was not without its jealousies, its feuds, too often its killings. I recall one such which occurred in the neighborhood where my parents settled. The name of the victim has gone from me. The maintenance of law and order in the county seat at that time bearing the distinctive name of O'Neill City, was committed to Norris Ellis. Two or three settlers from over east were in town and made the evening hectic by shooting up the saloons. Ellis undertook to subdue them, when they got into a wagon and started out of town on the road then leading to the Northeast corner of town, over open prairie. Ellis had authorized a deputy, whose name I will withhold, to stop them or see that they got beyond his jurisdiction. The deputy pulled the picket pins to which a pony was lariat, coiled the rope, leaped onto the pony and started in pursuit. The fugitives had taken the road east from the Cronin corner and were closely pursued by the deputy, who said he fired a few shots into the air to induce them to stop. One bullet took deadly effect in the back of one of them, who fell over dead. The deputy claimed he had not intended shooting so as to endanger life but the pony stumbled and in the sudden effort to prevent being pitched off he had pulled the trigger which sent the fatal bullet.

EWING WOMAN BURNED WHEN CLOTHES IGNITE

Miss Mary Leahy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leahy, of Ewing was painfully burned about the arms, chest and face Saturday when her clothing caught fire while she was working about the stove. A physician at once dressed the wounds. Although suffering a good deal her condition is regarded as good.

58-YEAR OLD CLIPPING FOUND BY W. H. DARTT

Clipping Was Written By G. A. Dartt, Former Frontier Correspondent

The following article is a clipping from an issue of July, 1881 of The Frontier. The clipping was brought to the Frontier office by W. H. Dartt, who says that though the events recorded in this clipping occurred in his early youth, he remembers some of them and many of those mentioned in the article either are or at one time were neighbors of his.

Pleasant Valley Pickings
Corn grows.
Rye harvest nearly over.
Flax good, and some pieces ready to harvest.
Wheat fair; some pieces heavy, others lighter.
Harry Spindler cut his winter wheat last week. It was a fine piece of grain.

Bad place over here for the young chaps who go sparking Sunday nights. Some time ago Wheeler H. stayed rather late, and while speeding rapidly onward with his mind filled with happy visions of the "sweet bye and bye," he lost his way, and was compelled to spend the balance of the night on the broad prairies of Northern Nebraska.

Bro. H. A. N., who, for the past two years has been engaged in farming the fertile prairies of Holt county, and who of late has achieved great notoriety as a correspondent to The Frontier from the upper Black Bird, is about to leave off the plow and the pen, and engage in the manufacture of wooden limbs. All in need of repairs of this kind, would do well to apply at once; chicken legs a specialty.

The storm of the evening of June 30, found several of the Pleasant Valley and Leonie people on the road home from the ping at G. A. Dartt's. Some, by fast driving, escaped a wetting, while others less fortunate were thoroughly drenched. One young couple who were on horse back were particularly unfortunate. The storm came upon them in its fury when they were about half way home. The ponies refused to face the blast, consequently they were obliged to dismount and foot it home. The next morning Alphonso might have been searching the prairies for a stray hat, muttering to himself that he had got to find that hat before July 4th, or he would never dare show himself at the Black Bird postoffice again.

The picnic July 4th, on the grounds of E. P. Hicks, of Leonie, was declared a success by all. The forenoon exercises consisted of prayer, singing, reading, etc., after which all were invited to partake of the sumptuous feast prepared by the good ladies of Black Bird, Red Bird, Leonie and Pleasant Valley; and they did eat and were filled. Could those people of the east, who imagine we, of the frontier about to die of starvation, happened along about 1 o'clock, they would have changed their minds somewhat, in regard to the starvation at least. After dinner, singing, by the Red Bird glee club, speaking by Mr. Loyd, Geo. McGowan and James Weeks; declamations by Vick Squires, Ed Norton. In the evening a dance was held at the residence of E. P. Hicks. Taking all in all, it was a good, sociable time, enjoyed by young and old.

93-Years Old But Still Anticipates the Weekly Arrival of Frontier

The Frontier received a letter from Mrs. H. H. Mitchell, of Jeffers, Mont., the first of the week enclosing an extension of her subscription to The Frontier for another year. Mrs. Mitchell says that her aunt, Nora Sullivan, for many years a resident of this city, who will be 93 years of age this next October, is in good health with all her faculties as good as ever and that she looks eagerly forward every week for the arrival of The Frontier so that she can read of the doings in the old home town.

HALF CENTURY ELAPSES AND OLD TIMER WRITES

18 Former Residents Inquired After; Only One Surviving

The Frontier received the following letter the first of the week from an old time reader, who has not been a resident of this county for the past half century:

La Porte, Ind., April 8, 1939.
Dear Sir:
As a subscriber of your paper in 1885 and 1886 an enclosing stamps for a copy of your good old paper. Mr. Riggs was the owner at that time, your postoffice was in the front of the building, while the paper was published in the rear. There was also the Democrat published in the basement of the corner bank. I can remember Hagerty, Hendrickson, butcher, Tom Golden, Attorney, Senator Kinkaid, lawyer; Judge Lowe, Andy Potter, Tom Morris, son of the druggist; Charles Moore; mail carrier to Chambers and Summingsville; Grey and Mack, grocers; Ellsworth Mack; Cole, the jeweler; the Triggs boys, George Merritt, blacksmith. What became of Elmer Brainard, deputy postmaster; Campbell, hardware; Jud Grant, restaurant owner. I would appreciate your reply.

Very cordially,
S. M. Henoch.
Mr. Henoch's letter is a message from the dim and misty past. The writer remembers Mr. Henoch very well, but it is the first time I ever knew he had any other name than Milt, as that was what he was called when he lived in this county. As we remember he came here with a good sized delegation of people from La Porte, Ind., and most of them located in the Chambers valley, where they resided for a few years and at one time had a flourishing little town down there that they called Shamrock, which had a newspaper for a few years. It was a real hustling little town but he passed away many years ago.

Mr. Henoch asks about eighteen former residents in his letter, but of the number mentioned there is but one living, Ellsworth Mack, of Atkinson, and if we remember correctly the Mack's also came from La Porte, Ind. The others have passed to the great beyond, five of them being buried here, the others in cemeteries in other sections of the country. Mr. Henoch must be in the eighties but he writes a nice hand and the fact that he wants to know of the old timers in this city is evidence of the fact that his memory is excellent. He would be treated to a surprise party if he visited O'Neill today. It has grown from a little country village to a city.

The Weather

It has been rather chilly and raw the past week, with a couple of snow flurries. Following is the temperatures for the week:

April 6	43	16
April 7	50	26
April 8	56	25
April 9	62	32
April 10	40	45
April 11	41	14
April 12	36	16

CARD OF THANKS

To Our Many Friends:
Words cannot express our thanks and appreciation for all the acts of kindness and gifts extended to us during our great sorrow. These expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.
Mrs. Mary Stauffer,
John N. Stauffer,
Mrs. Elva Nickels,
Mrs. Lola Calkins,
Miss Ellen Stauffer.

GAS EXPLOSION TAKES LIVES OF TWO YOUTHS HERE EASTER SUNDAY

Accumulated Vapor From Spilled Gasoline Is Thought to Have Been Cause of Fatal Blast; Funerals Were Held on Tuesday and Wednesday

Eastern Holt County Farmer Commits Suicide

James Roy Cunningham ended his life last Monday morning between the hours of 10:30 and 12 o'clock by hanging himself in the driveway of a corn crib at the home of his brother, Lew Cunningham, north and east of Page. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the M. E. church of this city, Rev. Leo D. Carpenter, Methodist minister of Page officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Deceased was born at Remsen, Iowa, on April 21, 1886, where he lived for several years and then moved to Lemars, Iowa with his parents. He came to this county in 1911 and had been a resident ever since.

Mr. Cunningham had never married and made his home with one of his brothers most of his life. At the time of his death he was living with his eldest brother, Lew. He seemed cheerful the morning of his death and when he left the house was going out in the field where the boys were working to see how they were getting along. But he never went to the field and when they returned from the field found his body hanging in the driveway between the corn cribs. He had been dead some time when the body was found.

Mr. Cunningham leaves four brothers and two sisters to mourn his passing. They are Lew Cunningham, Ida Stevens, Mary Stevens, Leroy Cunningham, Ben Cunningham and Donald Cunningham, all of Page.

Violators of Traffic Laws Before Co. Judge Malone

Lester McNuff, of Broken Bow, was before the county court last Monday on a complaint filed by Patrolman Russell who charged him with parking on Highway No. 20 on April 9, without placing flags as required by law. He pled guilty and was fined \$25.00 and costs of \$3.10.

Merl Baker, of Atkinson, was another trucker who was before the county court on Monday charged with parking a truck on Highway No. 20 without placing flags. He pled guilty and was fined \$25.00 and costs of \$3.10.

Lloyd E. James was before the county court last Monday on complaint of Patrolman Brt charged with operating a motor vehicle on the highways while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$10.00 and costs, or a total of \$13.10.

First Twins Tall Tale; Now Comes Four Sets

Last week The Frontier carried a story of a pair of twin calves born on the D. Murphy farm northeast of this city. Now comes Fay Puckett, who also lives northeast of this city, with a sheep and lamb story. Mr. Puckett says they have had four sets of twin lambs this spring and have lost only one out of the four sets. Two of the mother ewes were lambs last year. All of the ewes are running with their mothers and as a ewe can only set the table for two, he is of the opinion that makes it more out of the ordinary. He winds up by saying that to date they have twenty-four live lambs from thirteen ewes. Is there anyone in the county that can beat this record?

Sisters Re-united After 31 Years Enjoy Visit

Mrs. Jeanette George, of Boston, Mass., arrived in the city last Saturday for a month or six weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Wilcox. The sisters had not seen each other for thirty-one years and it is needless to say they are having an enjoyable visit.

BANKERS MEET FOR BANQUET AT GOLDEN HOTEL

Judge Carter of Nebraska Supreme Court was Speaker of Evening

The North Central Nebraska Regional Clearing House Association held their semi-annual meeting in O'Neill on Monday at a seven o'clock dinner at the Golden Hotel. About forty members of the association in this district were present, as well as the members of the local bar association who were present as guests of the organization.

Judge E. F. Carter of the Nebraska Supreme Court of Lincoln, made the principal address of the evening, giving a very interesting discourse on the "Constitution of the United States." Judge Carter was introduced by the Honorable Judge R. R. Dickson, Judge of the District Court in this District. J. J. Harrington, a member of the local bar association also addressed the gathering.

Turkey Clinic Held Here Wednesday Pronounced A Big Success

The Turkey clinic at the K. C. hall last Wednesday was well attended and is said to have been a pronounced success by those responsible for holding the meeting. About forty turkey growers from various parts of the county were in attendance and listened with attention to the addresses delivered by the two speakers. We understand there are several thousand turkeys in the county at the present time and that the crop this coming year will be the largest ever grown in this section of the state. The O'Neill Hatcher was responsible for getting the clinic in this city and Mr. Leidy is naturally elated at the success of the meeting.

NOTICE OF SALE

The Welton residence property, in the same block with the O'Neill Public School, will be sold on May 8, 1939, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Court House. This is a very desirable residence property and any one interested in purchasing it should get in touch with

NORMAN GONDERINGER
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Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dishner returned Tuesday night from Columbus, where they spent Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kinsman, and from Omaha, where they had been on business.

terry at Wagner, S. D. The funeral here was largely attended and a large number of O'Neill friends accompanied the funeral cortege to Wagner, where they were joined by a large circle of friends in his native city who were present to pay their last respects. Rev. Wright accompanied the body to its final resting place.

Arthur L. Stauffer

Arthur Laverne Stauffer was born near Opportunity, Nebr., on May 31, 1922, and was 16 years, ten months, and nine days old at the time of his death. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock from the Methodist church, Rev. Leo D. Carpenter, Methodist minister of Pags, officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery. The funeral was a very large one, many people being unable to gain admission to the church. Deceased was a Junior in the O'Neill High school and a member of the O'Neill High school band and his classmates as well as the members of the band attended the funeral in a body.

Arthur is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer and three sisters, Elva Nickels, Lola Calkins and Miss Ellen Stauffer, who are left to mourn the passing of a kind, affectionate, loving son and brother.

Arthur was quite a favorite of his fellow students and his tragic death was a shock not only to the pupils of the O'Neill High, which he attended, but also to the students in the High School of St. Mary's Academy, with all of whom he was well acquainted.